

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	56251	Agenda Number	8.
Meeting Date:	4/7/2016			Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject					
Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a contract with SUSTAINABLE FOOD CENTER to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$110,156, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$179,436 for the term of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, with four 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$179,436 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$897,180.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$110,156 is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the availability of funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On November 12, 2015, Council approved a 12-month agreement beginning on October 1, 2015 with four 12-month renewal options. On September 8, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

## Additional Backup Information

In Travis County, 18% of its residents and 25.5% of its children live in a food insecure household. Food insecure households have a direct tie to poverty and results in increased health care costs, lower educational success, and decreased workforce productivity. Many food insecure residents have limited access to highly nutritious foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables, putting them at greater risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal nutrition program that effectively lifts many persons out of poverty throughout the U.S. and the farmers market incentive programs managed by SNAP have successfully increased the purchases of fresh produce by SNAP recipients.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD CENTER (SFC) is an Austin-based non-profit organization that cultivates a healthy community by strengthening the local food system and improving access to nutritious, affordable food. SFC operates the Double Dollar Incentive Program (DDIP) which allows families and individuals who receive SNAP, Women, Infants, and Children Electronic Benefits Transfer fruit and vegetable benefits, and/or Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers to double the dollar amount that they can spend on fruits and vegetables at SFC farmers markets. Eligible shoppers are provided a weekly dollar-for-dollar match in each program. DDIP is valid only for the purchase

of fruits and vegetables.

The Request for Applications for this social service program recommended for funding began September 1, 2015 for an initial 37-month period ending on September 30, 2018, with three 12-month extension options. Services vary but they address all of the five self-sufficiency goals and all four life continuum categories.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Total number of unduplicated clients served: 1773

Total number of unduplicated clients served by expansion markets: 500

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote a healthy community by addressing the needs of vulnerable households.